Team which visited Bihar in October, 1992, the Govt. of India released an amount of Rs. 19.6750 crores to the State Government as advance from the CRF apart from Rs. 75.00 crores from Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Rs. 3.47 crores from Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. The Government of India also made additional allocation of wheat and rice specifically for the drought-affected areas.

Full-time lecturers for vocational courses

*140. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received requesting Governmtnt to permit appointment of full time lecturers in the vocational courses run by various colleges, instead of part-time lecturers; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A representation was received from Andhra Pradesh State Vocational Education Teachers Association in October 1992 which was sent to the State Govtrnment for consideration and action at their level.

(b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme nf 'Vocationalisation of Secondary Education' does not provide for part-time teachers to become full time teachers. It is, therefore, for the State Government to take an appropriate decision on this representation.

Performance of farm universities

1047. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the committee which have been set up by Government to evaluate the performance of the various farm universities in the country;

(b) when these committees were set up and whether any reports were submitted by each committee so far and expenditure incurred thereon separately; and

(c) the reaction of Government on the recommendations made by these Committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Central Government/IGAR appointed an Agricultural University Review Committee (generally referred to as the Randhawa Committee) to evaluate the performance of various Agricultural Universities of the country.

(b) The Randhawa Committee was set up in January 1977 and its report was submitted in June, 1978. No separate establishment was set up for the Committee and the expenditure incurred was only on the T.A. and D.A. of the Committee Members.

(c) The Central Government/ICAR have accepted all the major recommendations of the committee and have implemented those pertaining to the Central Government. Further, the respective State Government's and the Agricultural Universities were requested to implement the recommendations concerning them.

केन्द्रीय बंजर भूमि अनुसंधान संस्थान में हुये घपलों से संबंधित केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो का प्रतिवेदन

1048. श्री राम नरेश यादव : : क्या कृषि मंत्री 18 दिसम्बर, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतरांकित प्रश्न–3824 के दिये गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने "केन्द्रीय बंजर भूमि अनुसंधान संस्थान" के पाली केन्द्र में हुए करोड़ों रुपए के घपले से संबंधित अपना प्रतिवेदन सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दिया है, यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने अपने प्रतिवेदन में कितने अधिकारियों को दोषी पाया है और सरकार उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है, यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं किए जाने का विचार है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार): (क) जी हां। केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने हाल ही में एक रिपोर्ट दी है। केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने यह, पाया है कि पाली केन्द्र की भूमि के कुछ भाग के संबंध में संस्थान के कुछ कर्मचारियों ने संस्थान के हित की सुरक्षा के लिए पर्याप्त उपाय करने में कोई रुचि नहीं दिखायी।

(ख) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने तीन कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध विभाग द्वारा उपयुक्त अनुशासनात्मक कार्यवाही करने की सिफारिश की है। नियमों के अनुसार इस मामले को केन्द्रीय सतकर्ता आयोग को उनकी सलाह के लिए भेजा गया है। यह विभाग केन्द्रीय सतकर्ता आयोग की सलाह के अनुसार कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करेगा।

Use of modern agricultural technologies in Bihar

1049. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the majority of farmers in Bihar are lagging behind in the use of modern agricultural technologies; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to enable the farmers of Bihar to adopt modern agricultural technologies to boost their produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Generally, the process of technology generation and dissemination in the country as also in Bihar involves three major steps viz: generation of modern technologies through State Agricultural Universities and research stations, testing its adaptability through adaptive/onfarm trials and dissemination to the farmers through extension services. At times, there may be some lag or gaps in the generation-dissemination and actual adoption process.

(b) Several steps have been taken in Bihar to improve the process of dissemination and adoption. These include:—

(i) Re-organisation of Agricultural extension services through World Bank assisted agricultural extension and research project (1978—85) and subsequently strengthening the same through National Agricultural Extension Project-III (NAEP) in Bihar-(1988—92). Under this, strengthening of manpower base, training and provision of infrastructure and information facilities have been provided.

(ii) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 15 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in Bihar for the benefit of the farming community of the State. Research support to the extension services has been augmented under National Agricultural Research Project (NARP) through strengthening of research stations at agro-climatic zone-level for location-specific tech nology generation.

(iii) There are also 12 Farmers Training Centres in Bihar which are regularly imparting training to the farmers in new production and allied technologies.

Production of Pulses in Bihar

1050. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar has the ideal climate and soil for the production of various varieties of pulses;